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SUBJ: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE

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1. DURING APRIL 21 MEETING, DR. MOHAMED ADEN SHEIKH, WHO SECRETARY EDUCATION AND VERY CLOSE TO SIAD, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE HAD HAD VERY BAD EFFECT ON SOMALI GOVERNMENT.

2. SOMALIS REALIZED FREEDOM OF PRESS WENT VERY FAR IN USA, ADEN SAID, AND THAT UNFOUNDED OR BIASED STORIES WERE FREQUENTLY PRINTED. HOWEVER, THIS ARTICLE HAD APPEARED IN PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN NEWSPAPER; " MILITARY ANALYSTS" HAD BEEN QUOTED; AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT ISSUED A DENIAL. AS RESULT, THERE WAS SUSPICION USG MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH APPEARANCE OF ARTICLE. FOLLOWING ON HEELS OF LE MONDE SENSATIONAL REPORT AND COMING AT TIME OF ETHIO- SOMALI TENSIONS, SOMALI GOVERNMENT WILLY NILLY CONCLUDED THAT WEST ORCHESTRATING PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOMALIA AND PERHAPS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR MORE SERIOUS MOVES.

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EM AMBASSADOR SAID SOMALIS SHOULD NOT TAKE ARTICLE TOO
SERIOUSLY OR EXAGGERATE ITS SIGNIFICANCE. IF WE TOOK SERIOUSLY
SOME OF FONSEC OMAR ARTEH' S RECENT REMARKS TO CAIRO PRESS
ABOUT " US IMPERIALISM," WE ALSO COULD BE VERY UPSET INDEED.
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